

**HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]****Adopted and Filed Without Notice**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 249A.4, the Department of Human Services amends Chapter 75, “Conditions of Eligibility,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment implements the annual adjustment to premium amounts for Medicaid members in the coverage group for employed people with disabilities (MEPD) whose income is more than 150 percent of the federal poverty level for a one-person household. Iowa law requires that the maximum premium for these members be commensurate with the average cost to the state for state employees’ health insurance. Because the cost of state employees’ health insurance has increased by almost one-third, the MEPD premium scale is adjusted to reflect that increase.

The premium for a person with income between 150 percent and 180 percent of the federal poverty level (applicable to more than half of the members who are required to pay a premium) increases from \$25 per month to \$33 per month. Increases for other income levels are proportionate. The five highest income levels are adjusted upward to keep all premiums below 7.5 percent of income. The new premium will be assessed at the member’s next annual eligibility review occurring on or after August 1, 2010.

This amendment does not provide for waivers in specified situations because the Department believes that the premium schedule should be applied uniformly. Requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department’s general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

The Council on Human Services adopted this amendment on April 14, 2010.

The Department finds that notice and public participation are unnecessary because this amendment represents an annual adjustment based on defined parameters. Therefore, this amendment is filed pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.4(3).

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.3(2)“a.”

This amendment shall become effective on August 1, 2010.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend subparagraph **75.1(39)“b”(3)** as follows:

(3) Premiums shall be assessed as follows:

IF THE INCOME OF THE APPLICANT IS ABOVE:	THE MONTHLY PREMIUM IS:
150% of Federal Poverty Level	<del>\$25</del> <u>\$33</u>
180% of Federal Poverty Level	<del>\$40</del> <u>\$53</u>
220% of Federal Poverty Level	<del>\$55</del> <u>\$73</u>
250% of Federal Poverty Level	<del>\$70</del> <u>\$94</u>
280% of Federal Poverty Level	<del>\$85</del> <u>\$109</u>
310% of Federal Poverty Level	<del>\$100</del> <u>\$129</u>
340% of Federal Poverty Level	<del>\$120</del> <u>\$154</u>
370% of Federal Poverty Level	<del>\$140</del> <u>\$188</u>
400% of Federal Poverty Level	<del>\$165</del> <u>\$221</u>
430% of Federal Poverty Level	<del>\$190</del> <u>\$255</u>

IF THE INCOME OF THE APPLICANT IS ABOVE:	THE MONTHLY PREMIUM IS:
460% of Federal Poverty Level	\$ <del>220</del> <u>\$295</u>
<del>490%</del> <u>510%</u> of Federal Poverty Level	<del>\$255</del> <u>\$342</u>
<del>530%</del> <u>590%</u> of Federal Poverty Level	<del>\$295</del> <u>\$396</u>
<del>575%</del> <u>680%</u> of Federal Poverty Level	<del>\$340</del> <u>\$457</u>
<del>620%</del> <u>775%</u> of Federal Poverty Level	<del>\$390</del> <u>\$524</u>
<del>670%</del> <u>900%</u> of Federal Poverty Level	<del>\$452</del> <u>\$608</u>

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